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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF BOW,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEB. 26, 1861.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Paid Francis W. Colby, services as S. S. Committee for the year 1859,	$34 75
" Morrill & Silsby, books and stationery,	4 02
" New Hampshire Savings Bank, hired money,	1,674 00
" Albert Noyes, medicine for paupers,	1 00
" Albert Noyes, services as overseer on town farm,	100 00
" Hazen Saltmarsh, to be used on town farm,	26 00
" N. H. Asylum, support of Robert Ordway,	101 99
" Hazen Saltmarsh, hog for town farm,	10 00
" B. A. Noyes, note and interest on same,	184 83
" Gilman Saltmarsh, 2d, hog for town farm,	12 00
" John E. Saltmarsh, cow for town farm,	25 00
" S. B. Drew, support of H. H. Hall,	12 00
" Town of Weare, support of Daniel Silver's child,	6 00
" James Mills, nursing John Davis,	5 00
" Robert Hall, medical attendance of John Davis,	2 00
" James Green, Jr., going with hearse to John Davis' funeral,	2 00
" George Frye, digging grave of John Davis,	2 00
" D. A. Hill, coffin and robe for John Davis,	6 00
" M. B. Smith, goods for Samuel Davis,	8 91
" Seth Morgan, balance due on school house tax in District No. 8,	123 00
" Noble Folansbee, assisting in digging grave of J. C. D. Kelley,	1 00
" Jeremiah Heath, plank for bridge in 1859,	14 51
" L. M. Davis, order by the order of Thomas Folansbee for support of A. G. Colby in 1859,	13 65
" M. T. Ladd, lumber for bridges in Dist. No. 14,	44 89
" Andrew Gault, assistance rendered Sam'l Davis,	2 00
" Samuel R. Green, school house tax Dist. No. 6,	75 00
" M. B. Smith, on account for goods furnished at town farm,	79 23

Paid Teachers' Institute,.....	$12 24
" Samuel Hadley, one heifer, ...	14 00
" Emery Austin, sleigh,.....	10 00
" W. C. French of Northfield, five young cattle,.	60 00
" Aaron Wells, labor on highway in 1858, ...	4 00
" Charles H. Brown, sawing lumber for town, ...	2 07
" James O. Clark, note and interest on same,....	537 00
" David White, assistance rendered Samuel Davis,	4 50
" Hazen Saltmarsh, in part for services as overseer on town farm, ...	100 00
" David Page, 600 lbs. hay for town farm,.....	4 50
" David Page, 4 bushels potatoes,.....	1 40
" James Colby, 1067 lbs. hay for town farm,....	8 00
" Seth C. Austin, damage to sleigh in Dist. No. 13,	1 87
" James Hadley, shoeing horse in 1859 and setting tire on hearse wheels, ...	1 70
" C. W. Flanders, attending funeral of John Davis,	2 50
" Minot & Mugridge, services in Holt case and advice on roads,.....	26 00
" Stephen Hammond, assisting in digging grave for J. C. D. Kelley, ...	1 00
" A. C. Smith, railroad tickets,.....	75
" Langdon Ordway, repairing and taking care of town house, ...	6 75
" James E. Brown, lumber for bridges in 1859–60,	5 35
" L. M. Davis, lumber & repairing bridge in 1859,	1 25
" H. M. Parker, services as S. S. Committee,...	35 00
" Nelson Green, note and interest on same, ...	551 91
" State Treasurer, State tax,.....	214 20
" Asa Parker, abatement of taxes on 1859 tax-list,	9 55
" Oliver Bailey, abatement of taxes,.....	6 60
" Parker Brown, plank for bridge,.....	4 35
" Asa Parker, collection of taxes for 1859, ...	35 00
" Asa Parker, cow and interest on same, ...	26 50
" County Treasurer, county tax, ...	597 39
" Mendell Sampson, running out the Albin road,.	1 00
" School districts as follows:	

District No. 1,.....	$34 52	Dist. No. 8, for 1859,	$57 20
" 2,.....	76 65	" 9, " 1860,	34 26
" 3,		" 10,	
" 4,		" 11,.....	54 84
" 5,.....	34 11	" 12,.....	42 78
" 6, ...	44 56	" 13,.....	43 59
" 7,.....	53 85	" 14,.....	63 87

Non Resident Highway Taxes Worked.

Paid receipt in favor of B. & J. Hall for 1857-8-9-60,	$5	44
John Prescott, 1859-60, ...	7	68
Lowell Eastman, 1859, ...		17
David Davis, "	4	62
Wm. M. Carter, "		50
Charles Thompson, 1857-8-9, ..	4	99
James Thompson, "	9	31
David Hammond, 1858-60,....	2	31
Heirs of Timothy Jones, 1859-60,	1	16
Hooksett Manufact'g Co., 1860,	2	19
David White, "	1	32
Charles Brown, "	3	50
Concord Railroad Co., "	7	44
Meshach Cate, "	4	38
Abrah Colby, "		24
E. G. Moore, "	1	31
W. P. Farmer, "	1	75
E. S. D. Ordway, "	3	50
Joseph Jewett, "		66
Henry Butterfield, "		44
Mary Morrison, "		35
John L. Taggart, "		44
Joseph Robinson "	1	75
N. H. Wheeler, "	2	62
Amos C. Kimball, "		10
Joseph S. Lund, "	6	13
D. M. Head, 1858,		50

Paid Andrew Gault for services as selectman, as follows, viz: 1 day at town farm settling with John W. Goodhue, 1.00; 4½ days taking inventory and making warrants for special town meeting 4.50; 9 days regulating inventories, making taxes and surveyors' warrants, distributing same, making return of inventories to Secretary of State, making school house tax in Dist. No. 6, 9.00; 1 day at town farm settling with overseer and taking inventory at town farm, 1.00; making collectors' lists and warrants, making return of taxes assessed to State, county and town treasurer, recording inventory and taxes, and making return of same to town clerk, 5.00; going to Concord on pauper business, and time spent in buying cow,

2.50; ½ day on Albin road, .50; going to Concord to search records in regard to John Davis, 1.00; going to town clerk, James Mills and Robert Hall to settle funeral expense of John Davis, 2.00; 2 journeys to Concord for groceries for Samuel Davis, 1.50; 1 day on town business at town farm, 1.00; going to Concord to settle funeral charges for John Davis, 1.00; 1 day examining Solomon Heath's real estate, 1.00; ½ day on road near William Currier and Samuel Giles', .50; going to Concord to see Josiah Minot to get advice about roads, 1.00; paid boy in Northfield for driving young cattle, .15; paid B. F. Davis for driving cattle to town farm, .25; time spent in buying young cattle for town farm, 3.00; going to Manchester to settle with James O. Clark, 2.00; attending jury meetings and regulating jury box, 1.50; going to see about breaking out roads in Dist. No. 2, and to town farm, .75; going to see about breaking out road in Dist. No. 11, .75; making county pauper accounts and 2 journeys to Concord to settle with county commissioners for support of county paupers, 3.50; 2 days at town farm appraising stock, produce, &c., and settling with overseer of town farm, 2.00; paid postage on letters during the year, .36; 1 day at town house settling town affairs, 1.00; 6 days making warrants for town meeting, making checklists, settling selectmen's accounts, making reports, copying and preparing same for publication, 6.00. $53 76

Paid Rufus Bailey for services as Selectman, as follows, viz: 1 day at town farm and setling with John W. Goodhue, $1.00; going to Concord to see about Robert Ordway, .50; posting warrant for special town meeting, .50; 5 days taking inventory, 5.00; 9½ days regulating inventory, making taxes and surveyors' warrants and distributing same, recording limits of districts, making school house tax Dist. No. 6, and making return of inventories to Secretary of State, 9.50; ½ day at town farm, .50; 1 day at town farm settling with superintendent and taking inventory

of property at farm, 1.00; going to Concord to pay Robert Ordway's bill at N. H. Asylum, .50; 1 day at town farm and on Albin road, 1.00; 1 day on town business at town farm, 1.00; ½ day examining road near William Currier and Samuel Giles', .50; making warrant and checklist for town meeting and correcting same, 1.50; going to pay bill for Robert Ordway at N. H. Asylum, .50; going to Concord to get advice on roads, &c., 1.00; attending jury meetings and regulating jury box, 1.50; 1 day examining Solomon Heath's real estate, 1.00; going to Concord to pay Robert Ordway's bill at N. H. Asylum, .50; making county pauper bills and going to Concord, 2.00; 2 days at town farm taking invoice of property and settling with superintendent, 2.00; 1 day settling town affairs, 1.00; 6 days going to Concord to settle bills against town, and settling with collector, preparing report, making warrant and checklist for town meeting, and correcting the same, 6.00. $38 00

Paid Jeremiah Heath for services as Selectman, as follows, viz: 5 days taking inventory, $5.00; 8 days regulating inventory, making taxes, making surveyors' warrants and distributing same, limiting Highway Districts, making school house tax in Dist. No. 6, and making return of inventory to Secretary of State, 9.00; 1 day at town farm settling with superintendent and taking inventory of property at farm, 1.00; for time spent in getting coffin, notifying friends of the death of John Davis, getting the grave dug, attending funeral and assisting in burying the same, 4.00; going to Weare to settle expense of Daniel Silver's child, 2.00; 1 day examining Solomon Heath's real estate, 1.00; making warrant and checklist, posting and correcting the same, 1.50; attending jury meeting and regulating jury box, 1.00; taking paupers to town farm, .75; 1 day settling town affairs, 1.00; 4 days settling with collector and preparing report, making warrant and checklist, posting and correcting the same, 4.00. $30 25

Paid Andrew Gault, for services as town treasurer,..	$6	00
Solomon Heath, for 6 bushel potatoes furnished Benjamin Colby's family in 1858,.....	3	00
Andrew Gault, for services as Auditor in 1859,.	1	00
Enoch Alexander, as Auditor in 1859–60, and going to take affidavit of Samuel Davis,.....	2	50
Asa Parker, for abatement of taxes, it being five per cent. discount on $1729.18, paid on or before Sept. 1, 1860,.....	86	45
	$5693	15

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following items, viz:—

1860.				
March	13.	Received of Stillman Hadley, collector of toxes for the years, 1857–8,.....	$740	56
April	11,	Received of John W. Goodhue,.....	173	31
	25,	Received of Albert Noyes on setttement,	32	25
June	16,	Received of Jeremiah Austin, hired money,.....	400	00
	19,	Received of Enoch Alexander, hired money,.....	525	00
Aug.	7,	Received of city of Concord, for funeral charges of John Davis,.....	17	00
Dec.	6,	Received of Mendell Sampson, hired money, ...	250	00
1861.				
Jan.	26,	Received of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,.	74	70
Jan.	26,	Received of State Treasurer, Railroad Tax, ...	112	00
Feb.	14,	Received of James O. Clark, for oxen sold at town farm,.....	100	00
	15,	Received of County of Merrimack for support of paupers,.....	408	75
	16,	Received of difference between oxen exchanged, ...	20	00
	16,	Received of David Page, for basket,...		20
	21,	Received of Asa Parker, balance due on tax list for 1859,.....	889	63

Feb.	21,	Received of Asa Parker, collector of taxes for 1860,	$1961 00
	21,	Received of James Green, Jr., for use of town house in 1858,	1 00
	21,	Received of town of Allenstown, for costs on Holt case,	41 00
	21,	Received of Langdon Ordway, for the use of town house,	10 00
		Amount of receipts,	$5757 40
		Amount of expenditures,	5693 15
		Balance in favor of the town,	$64 25

Outstanding Debts against the Town.

Date of Notes.					
July	12, 1859.	Mitchel Gilmore, prin.	$1000.00, int.	$99.57, ...	$1099 57
July	12, "	Eli Alexander, prin.	200.00, int.	19.91, ...	219 91
July	12, "	Andrew Gault, prin.	700.00, int.	69.70, ...	769 70
Oct.	24, "	Andrew Gault, prin.	280.00, int.	22.83, ...	302 83
Jan.	1, "	Enoch Alexander, prin.	154.85, int.	20.73, ...	175 58
April	15, "	Andrew Noyes, prin.	300.00, int.	34.48, ...	334 48
June	16, 1860.	Jeremiah Austin, prin.	400.00, int.	16.66, ...	416 66
June	19, "	Enoch Alexander, prin.	525.00, int.	21.61, ...	546 61
Dec.	6. "	Mendell Sampson, prin.	250.00, int.	3.33, ...	253 33
		Due to Hazen Saltmarsh, supt. on town farm,			100 00
		Due to School Districts No. 3, 4, 8 and 10,			218 82
		Due to Asa Parker, for collecting taxes for 1860,			32 00
		Due to Francis W. Colby, for services as Town Clerk,			10 00
					$4479 49

Debts due the Town.

Due from Asa Parker, collector of taxes for the year 1860,	$717 33
Due from Hazen Saltmarsh, overseer of town farm,	44 50
Money in the Treasurer's hands,	87 89
	$849 72
Amount of liabilities,	$4479 49
Amount due the town,	849 72
	$3629 77

Receipts and Expenditures at the Town Farm for the year ending February 11, 1861.

Expenditures by Hazen Saltmarsh.

Paid for 1667 lbs. hay, $12.50; 4 bush. potatoes, 1.40; 2 hogs, 22.00; Blacksmith's bills, 5.68; Shoemaker's bills, 8.55; hats and clothing, 2.25; shoe thread, .08; soap, .20; matches, .20; seed corn, .60; twine, .30; alcohol and medicine, 1.37; tin ware, 2.30; churn, 5.00; wooden ware, 1.65; farming tools, 6.19; indigo, .06; button's and thread, .33; 52½ yds. cloth, 8.66; beef, 3.05; 85 lbs. pork, 6.76; 83 lbs. fish, 3.32; 11 lbs. nails, .44; rye meal, 5.16; corn meal, 8.20; 8 bbls. flour, 56.75; apple parer, .75; glass, .15; crockery, .76; school book, .20; salt, 2.98; lock, .10; box of pills, .25; thrashing oats, 5.17; yarn, .95; grass seed, 2.97; garden seeds, .20; coffin and robe for Mary Clough, 5.75; labor, 8.75; 20 galls. molasses, 6.63; 2½ galls. vinegar,. 50; 1½ qts. oil, .35; 39 lbs. sugar, 3.60; 17 lbs. tea, 7.45; 17 lbs. saleratus, 1.14; 5 lbs. coffee, .63; 1½ lbs. ginger, .15; 43 lbs. tobacco, 10.78; 1 lb. starch, .10; spices and pepper, .40; crackers, .20; pepper sauce, .13; wicking, .10; 2 bush. beans, 3.51; peas, .30; pipes, .04; clothes pins, .08; jars and jugs, 1.17; lard pots, .25; mackeral, 1.50; young cattle, 74.00; sleigh, 10.00; salary of superintendent, 200.00.

Total, ... $514 99

Receipts by Hazen Saltmarsh.

Received for 11½ bush. oats, $5.75: 4 qts. beans, .25; 3 calf skins, 4.51; 1 rennet skin, .17; 5 baskets, 1.56; berries, 22.19; 6 pigs, 10.00; lard, .76; apples, 7.70; pasturing, 15.73; eggs, 9.24; cow hide, 4.02; veal, 5.77; butter, 20.72; cabbage, .75; on bills due in 1859, 5.77; difference between oxen, 20.00; of County of Merrimack for support of county paupers at town farm, 380.34; bills due the town in superintendent's hands, 18.35.

Total, ... $533 58

Amount of expenditures, ... 514 99

Balance in favor of farm, ... $18 59

Estimated value of stock and provisions at the Town Farm, February 11, 1861.

1 yoke of oxen, 100.00; 3 cows, 65.00; 6 young cattle, 96.00; 3 shoats, 30.00; 24 fowls, 8.00; 8½ tons 1st qual. hay, 144.00; 5 tons 2d qual. hay, 50.00; 1 ton oat straw, 6.00; corn fodder, 3.50; 18 bush. corn, 18.00; 39 bush. oats, 17.55; 6 bush. beans, 10.00; 56 bush. potatoes, 19.00; 10 bush. turnips, 3.00; 6 bush. apples, 3.00; 50 heads cabbage, 2.50; 135 lbs. dried apples, 8.10; 200 lbs. pork, 24.00; 200 lbs. beef, 12.00; 40 lbs. veal, 2.40; 92 lbs. cheese, 11.00; 75 lbs. butter, 15.00; 40 lbs. lard, 5.60; 43 lbs. tallow, 430; 31 lbs. fish, 1.40; 1 bbl. flour, 7.00; 1 gall. molasses, .33; groceries, 2.56; ½ bush. cranberries, 1.50; soap and barrel, 2.50; vinegar and barrel, .50; 2 plows, 18.00; 1 cultivator, 2.50; 1 harrow, 3.00; 3 small chains, 1.00; cart and hay rack, 10.00; ox sled and drag, 6.00; grind-stone, 3.00; yoke bows and irons, 3.00; shovel and manure fork, 1.00; rake and hay fork, .70; 5 scythes and 2 snaths, 3.00; 1 hoe, 3 axes, 1.42; 1 wash tub, .75; 2 wooden pails, .40; 3 tin pails, 1.50; 16 milk pans, 3.00; tin ware, 1.37; sieve, .30; 15 plates, 7 bowls, 1.50; 7 cups and saucers, .75; 1 qt. jug, .12; ½ qt. jug, .17; 2 stone jars, 1.83; 1 bean pot, .12; 2 cream pots, .25; 1 bread pan, .05; 11 knives and forks, 1.00; 3 tables, 3.00; cooking stove and furniture, 18.00; 1 rocking and 6 dining chairs, 2.25; 1 pair andirons, .50; shovel and tongs, .50; 3 feed boxes, .50; 1 copper pump, 3.00; 1 calf skin, 1.00; 3 grain boxes, 3.00; 17 flour barrels, 2.00; 2 bbls. ashes, 1.50; 2 mackerel kits, .25; 1 apple parer, .75; 2 rennet skins, .25; 14 baskets, 3.00; 3 cases drawers, 1.50; 1 light stand, .25; 1 cheese tub, 1.00; 1 cheese hoop and fixtures, .50; 2 sugar boxes, .25; churn, 5.00; 5 bedsteads and cords, 2.50; 4 straw beds, 2.00; 6 feather beds, 20.00; 17 sheets, 4.00; 10 quilts, 5.00; 8 comforters, 6.00; 3 bed blankets, 2.00; 1 coverlet, 1.00; 11 pillows and cases, 3.35; 2 bolsters, 1.00; 3 chambers, .75; lot of lumber, 7.00; 1 sleigh, 10.00.

$852 07

RECAPITULATION.

Amount due the town brought forward,	$849 72
Town Farm,	4000 00
Value of Stock, Provision, &c., at Farm,	852 07
	$5701 79
Liabilities of the Town,	4479 49
Balance in favor of the Town,	$1222 30

ANDREW GAULT,
RUFUS BAILEY,
JEREMIAH HEATH,
Selectmen of Bow.

Bow, Feb. 26, 1861.

The undersigned, Auditor of the selectmen's accounts for the year ending Feb. 26, 1860, certifies that he has examined said accounts and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ENOCH ALEXANDER, *Auditor.*

Feb. 26, 1861.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Citizens: In a few days you will meet to exercise those rights which it is the duty as well as the privilege of every town under a Republican Government to exercise; to say, through the silent, though potent voice of the ballot box, who shall administer your affairs the coming year. While you perform your duties in making suitable provision for the support of the poor, needy and unfortunate, and in making appropriations for the improvement of roads, &c., we ask that you may not forget the cause of Education; that you may remember the children and youth, and contribute liberally for their intellectual and moral culture, which alone can prepare them for the duties of active life. And very much do we stand in need of your liberality. We are suffering for the want of more new school houses, for it is almost impossible to have decent schools, or a decent attendance in some of the miserable, shattered, dilapidated, crazy looking buildings that we now occupy and boast of as school houses. Oh! let us loosen our purse strings and build for our darling children, that God has given us, to love and educate, houses that they will be comfortable in, and they will ever bless us for so doing. We are every day building comfortable buildings for our cattle and horses, and in the name of humanity, why should we not give a passing thought to the well being of our children, and not endanger their health and precious lives, by the piercing blast of a cold winter's day. And besides, this is not all the harm. We have six or seven very good school houses, including some that have been built recently. Now in these schools for the past winter, the improvement has been at least one hundred per cent higher than in the remainder of the schools taught in poor houses. Why is this? Simply because the scholars have lost all their ambition and energy, and regular attendance on account of the cold school houses. With these few suggestions in regard to good and poor school houses we will proceed.

To the teachers we would say, you can do much to form the habits of the young. See that you direct their feet in the right way, and that the blight of immorality does not strike the tender plants in the spring time of their existence. The great object of education is to develope the whole man—his physical, moral and intellectual faculties, —and the teacher that does most for this is most worthy of his hire. To mould the character, and to bring into vigorous action the higher and nobler powers of the child's nature, in order to the accomplishment of the great purpose of his being, is truly an important task. And for this, the common school has been established and is main-

tained. The family and school are intimately connected. Home and school influence should blend together. The child should be taught at home to love law and order; to fear God and to keep his commandments; to be obedient and truthful, affectionate and kind. Then will the home and school education be powerful in giving character to the youthful mind. We believe that he who does most for the common school and for the proper education of the young, does most to honor God and bless mankind.

The statistics of our prisons, show that ignorance is the parent of crime, and that disgrace in manhood is neglected childhood. With these suggestions your school committee would present his report.

DISTRICT NO 1.

The *Summer Term* was commenced by Miss Emily P. Heath of Bow, but at the expiration of 8 weeks she was obliged to close her school on account of ill health. Miss Heath is deserving of much credit for the interest that she manifested in the school at the commencement. She may become a very successful teacher. The remainder of the term of six weeks was finished by Miss Lucretia C. Putney of Bow.

The *Winter Term*, of 11 weeks, in this district was likewise taught by Miss Putney. Her school was quite long, including the continuation of the summer term, and she gave very good satisfaction. There is no place in the town where there has been more improvement in our schools than in this district. The district has a very comfortable school house, and it is very safe to calculate upon good schools where the district take interest enough to have a proper place to school their children in. By being a little more energetic in school, Miss Putney will make a most excellent teacher. This district is connected with a school district in Concord. Average attendance, Summer, 10; Winter, 16.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term, of 9 weeks, was taught by Miss Laura A. Clough of Bow. She had no experience in teaching, but her love for the work and devotion to it, won for her the affection and respect of her pupils; good improvement was made by the scholars. But a little less of mirthfulness on the part of the teacher in school hours, would be suggestive of great improvement.

Winter Term, of 8 weeks, was taught by Mr. Charles A. Moulton of Hopkinton, a young man of good attainments. Owing to the poor miserable school house in this district, the attendance on the part of the pupils has been very irregular, during the cold weather, thereby causing the school to come out rather slim, as but very little improvement was made during the winter. It is utterly impossible to have a first rate school in such a house during the winter season. There were but 7 scholars present at the close. Average attendance, Summer, 15; Winter not given.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term of 7 weeks and *Winter Term* of 12 weeks, was taught by Miss Caroline A. Hadley of Bow. A young teacher without any experience in school teaching; but the Prudential committee was so well satisfied at the expiration of the Summer term, that she was employed to teach the Winter school. The result has proved that the confidence of the committee was not misplaced. Good order and good progress have been realized. Average attendance, Summer, 21; Winter, 21.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Laura A. Herrin of Suncook, and with commendable success; the progress made in the branches taught was very good indeed.

Winter Term was taught by Miss Sarah F. Doe of Pembroke. Not having any notice of the close of the school, the committee can make no report of the progress made during the Winter; and not having yet received the Register, I am unable to give the number of weeks or the average attendance of both the schools.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term of 6 weeks, was taught by Miss Betsey Jane Upton of Bow. The order was good and the scholars appeared well. The closing examination showed a good degree of improvement in all the branches taught.

Winter Term of 8 1-2 weeks, was taught by Miss Mary Jane Wheeler of Dunbarton, a teacher who has had considerable experience in teaching. I believe the parents are generally well satisfied with her government and method of instruction. Your committee at his several visits during the term was well pleased with the recitations and the general appearance of the school. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Miss Wheeler for the faithfulness in which she discharged her several duties while teaching school during the past year, and your committee would recommend her as being a most excellent teacher, and one well qualified to teach an advanced school. Average attendance, Summer, 8; Winter, 12.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer and *Winter Term* of 13 weeks was taught by Miss Helen P. Colby; appeared when visited by the committee, to have made a good beginning, but not having sufficient notice of its close, can make no report of its progress. Average attendance, 12.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term of 10 weeks was kept by Miss Lizzie G. Kimball of Northfield, who had been employed a number of terms before in the same district, and her reputation as a teacher was a guarantee that the interest of the school was entrusted to safe hands. There seemed to be mutual confidence between teacher and pupils. The progress

and order were both satisfactory, and in fact your committee is of the opinion that she is one of the best practical teachers of the day.

The *Winter Term* of 8 weeks was kept by Mr. Charles C. Lord of Hopkinton, a young man without any experience in teaching. Your committee cannot speak very highly of his success during the term, as but little, if any, improvement was made during the Winter. Average attendance, Summer, 20 ; Winter, 20.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer Term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Lydia J. Morgan of Bow. This school was composed of small scholars and required but a little exertion on the part of the teacher to make her school commendable. The teacher was not qualified to teach anything but primary branches ; not having any notice of the close of the school, your committee can make no further report. This district has very recently built a nice little school house, which reflects much credit upon its enterprise.

The *Winter Term* is now in session under the instruction of Mr. A. C. Grout, a teacher of considerable experience. The exercises at the commencement were highly interesting, and showed that the teacher spared no efforts to have his scholars understand all that they went over. There is no doubt but what Mr. Grout is an able and excellent teacher, and that his present school can be safely called the model school of the town. Average attendance, Summer, 5.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term of 5 weeks was kept by Miss Louisa H. Poor. This school was composed of small scholars. The teacher had a peculiar fitness for governing and instructing young children. The committee was well pleased to observe the order and quiet which prevailed, and by energy and efforts of the teacher, good improvement was made.

Winter Term of 5 weeks was taught by Miss Clara R. Davis of Bow. Not having sufficient notice, I did not visit this school at the close of the term, but have understood that to the scholars and district, her efforts were pleasing and every way successful. Average attendance, Summer, 12 ; Winter not given.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer Term of 8 weeks was under the instruction of Miss Lizzie G. Kimball, who fully sustained her former reputation as a school teacher, and succeeded very much to the satisfaction of the district. She was diligent and successful, and secured the best of order, and a high interest was kept up in the minds of her pupils. We need more such teachers.

Winter Term of 12 weeks, is now in session, under the instruction of Miss Eliza J. Mills of Dunbarton. This school has been entirely broken up this winter for a number of weeks by the measles. Miss Mills is emphatically a good teacher, and will probably finish her school with complete success. Average attendance, Summer, 19; Winter about 12.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer Term of 9 weeks, and *Winter Term* of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Lucy A. Morgan of Bow, and from the progress of the school while under her charge, and the excellent condition in which she left it, I have no hesitation in pronouncing her a very successful teacher. Average attendance, Summer, 12; Winter, 16.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer Term was taught by Miss Sophia Smart of Hopkinton. The school appeared remarkably well for its quietness and good order. The kind feelings manifested by the scholars for their teacher, was a sure indication that she understood managing a school; good improvement was made during the term, and more especially in reading. Average attendance, Summer, 12.

Winter Term is now in session, and under the instruction of Miss Mary E. Edmunds of Concord. The committee can make no report of the school, as no visit has been made by the committee during this term; but should judge by the appearance of the teacher, that a capital school may be expected in this district the present session.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

The *Summer Term* of 9 weeks was kept by Miss Lucretia C. Putney. The order was good and the scholars appeared well. The closing examination showed a good degree of improvement in all the branches taught.

Winter Term of 9 weeks was kept by Mr. James R. Corliss of Bow, who manifested good judgment in the management and discipline of his school. This was Mr. Corliss's first school, and, doubtless, with experience, he will become a capital teacher. The progress in the studies was good, with the exception of the first class in spelling, which was not very creditable to such large scholars. Average attendance, Summer not given; Winter, 14.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer and *Winter Term* of 17 weeks, taught by Miss Mary J. Wheeler, whose merits your committee has before spoken of. This school was quite small in number and composed of small children. The committee was highly pleased with the recitations and order of the school, and the faithful manner of imparting instruction and securing the good will of the children. Miss Wheeler is an excellent teacher, and should teach by all means a more advanced school. Average attendance, 10.

HARRIS M. PARKER, *Committee.*

Bow, Feb. 22, 1861.